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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000.  
INSTALMENT received on.....\$926,765.02  
NEW SHARES.....\$5,926,765.02  
RESERVE FUND.....\$2,500,000.  
INSTRUMENT OF PREMIUMS received on NEW SHARES.....\$68,936.43  
\$3,198,336.43

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—W. E. BRINN, Esq.  
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MANAGER.  
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits.—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent.  
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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED a BRANCH of our First in Tainan, Formosa. Mr. WILFRID CHRISTIE is authorized to sign on our behalf for Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

H. CAMPBELL, late of Foochow, has the honour to inform the Gentry and Public of Hongkong that he has OPENED A FIRST-CLASS HAIRDRESSING SALOON in BANK BUILDINGS, opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL. Mr. CAMPBELL's Assistants, MESSRS. DUTTON and O'RO, are thoroughly experienced in their business, the former being from one of the leading San Francisco Establishments, while the latter was for many years connected with Mr. W. P. MOORE's Establishment in Hongkong. Mr. CAMPBELL hopes, by strict attention to the wants of the Public, to merit a share of their Patronage.

Hongkong, January 24, 1884.

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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ENGINEER SURVEYORSHIP AT HONGKONG.

THE Committee of Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping being desirous to appoint a SURVEYOR at the port of Hongkong, for the purpose of holding Surveys on the Engines and Boilers of Ships.

NOTICE is hereby given, that applications from persons wishing to become candidates, accompanied by testimonials as to the applicants' personal character and professional fitness for the office, will be considered, if forwarded to E. BURKE, Esq., Surveyor to Lloyd's Register, Hongkong, in time for transmission to the Secretary on or before the 1st MARCH, 1884.

It is necessary that every candidate should make his application in his own handwriting, and also that he should state his age, and describe the experience he has had and the occupations in which he is at present engaged. Applicants should also set forth whether they have had any experience in respect to the surveying of Wood and Iron Ships, and, if so, to what extent.

The Surveyor will not be required to be exclusively the servant of the Society, and his remuneration will depend upon the fees he receives for surveys.

Further Particulars as to Remuneration, &c., may be obtained on enquiry at the Office of E. BURKE, Esq., as above.

By Order of the Committee,  
B. WYOMOUTH,  
Secretary.

2, White Lion Court,  
Cornhill, E.C.

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Intimations.

HONGKONG FLOWER SHOW.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION will be held in the BOTANIC GARDEN on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 14th and 15th February, 1884.

All Exhibits must be entered not later than the 13th instant; and PLANTS in Pots should be sent early on the 13th instant.

ADMISSION.—First Day, 81; Second Day, 20 Cents.

Tickets for the First Day may be obtained from MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Schedules of Prices can be obtained from

CHARLES FORD,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1884.

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HONGKONG AND CHINA BAKERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

A N Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the OFFICE of the General Managers, on TUESDAY, the 19th instant, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1883, and for the election of a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 1, 1884.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifteenth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, at THREE o'Clock in the Afternoon of TUESDAY, the 26th February instant, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1883.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4, 1884.

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HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 4, Queen's Road, at 12 o'Clock, noon, on THURSDAY, the 28th February instant, to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1883, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4, 1884.

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THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 28th day of February instant, both days included.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 29, 1884.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 28th day of February instant, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, February 4, 1884.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, February 4, 1884.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 28th day of February, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1883.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 5, 1884.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTER of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th February current (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 5, 1884.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, February 5, 1884.

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For Sale.

THE PATENT.

"FILTRE RAPIDE"

REMOVES ALL

ORGANIC and INORGANIC IMPURITIES, LEAD, COPPER, and POISONOUS GASES.

IT ERATES THE WATER.

It can be taken to pieces and cleaned in every part.

IT HAS BEEN AWARDED

Special Medal of Merit by the Sanitary Institute of Great Britain; Silver Medal National Water Supply Exhibition, London; Two Silver Medals International Food Exhibition, London; Two Certificates of Merit by Sanitary Institute, Exeter; Certificate of Merit International Medical and

Sanitary Exhibition, Kensington; Silver Medal Health Congress and Scientific Exhibition, Brighton.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 30, 1884.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 30, 1884.

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SAYLE & CO.'S GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

CARPETS! CARPETS! CARPETS!

— AND —

GENERAL FURNISHING GOODS.

DRESSES. MILINERY. JACKETS.

HOSIERY. RIBBONS. LACES.

## For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.  
No. 63, Queen's Road East,  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMERCIAL),  
ARE NOW LANDING  
FROM AMERICA

C RACKER  
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb  
tins, and loose.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Assorted BISCUITS

Small HOMINY.  
Cracked WHEAT.  
OATMEAL  
CORNMEAL

TOPOCAN BUTTER.  
Apple BUTTER.  
Eastern and Californian CHEESE.  
CODFISH, Boned.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
Family BEEF in 25 lb. cans.  
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb. cans.  
Cutting Dessert FRUITS in 25 lb. cans.  
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage  
MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.  
Assorted SOUPS.  
Richardson's & Rossin's Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.  
Lamb's TONGUES.  
Clam CHOWDER.  
Fresh OREGON SALMON.  
Dried APPLES.  
TOMATOES.  
SUCOTASH.  
SUGAR SYRUP.  
Golden SYRUP.  
LOBSTERS.  
OYSTERS.  
HONEY.  
Assorted JELLIES.  
Green CORN.

## FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.  
600 lb.  
900 lb.  
1,200 lb.

CORN BROOMS.  
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.  
AXES AND HATCHETS.

AGATE IRON WARE.  
WAFFLE IRONS.  
SMOOTHING IRONS.

PAINTS AND OILS.  
TALLOW AND TAR.  
VARNISHES.

DEVOE'S NONPARIEL  
BRILLIANT  
KEROSENE OIL,  
150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from  
ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
S T O R E S,  
including:  
CHRISTMAS CAKES.  
PLUM PUDDINGS.  
MINCEMEAT.  
ALMONDS and RAISINS.

Crystallized FRUITS.  
TYSON'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
Pudding RAISINS.  
Lante QURANTS.

THE YORK HAMS.  
PIONIO TONGUES.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.  
SAVORY PATES.

FRENCH PLUMS.  
BROWN.  
INFANT'S FOOD.  
CORN FLOUR.

SPARTAN  
COOKING STOVES.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.  
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARET—  
CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
CHATEAU LA TOURE, pints & quarts.

1883 GRAVES, " "

BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT—  
SAUCON'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SAUCON'S OLD INVALID PORT  
(1848).

HORN'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.,

1 and 2 star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BRUNSWICK & CO.'S BRANDY.

REED OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENLEE WHISKY.

BOARD'S OLD TOM.

E & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NOELY PRAT & CO.'S VERMOUTH.

CHARLES' GINGER BRANDY.

EASTERN CIDER.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and ORANGE

BUTTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and  
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &  
D. BREWER, pints and quarts.

DRAGHT ALE and PORTER, by the  
Galler.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

C I G A R E S.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 oz. Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOV @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF  
SAFES, CASH and PAPER  
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883.

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## Notices to Consignees.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Lemnos* having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees of  
Cargo are hereby requested to send in  
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned  
for countersignature, and to take immediate  
delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be  
at once landed and stored at Consignees'  
risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 2, 1884. 203

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Hawke*, Captain GRAN-  
BY, having arrived from the above  
Ports, Consignees of their Bills of Lading to  
the Undersigned for countersignature, and to  
take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Steamer will be at once landed and stored  
at Consignees' risk and expense, and no  
Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on to  
YOKOHAMA, unless notice to the contrary be  
given before Noon To-morrow, 2nd Feb.

All Claims against the Steamer must be  
presented to the Undersigned on or before  
the 8th Inst., or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1884. 201

FROM GLASGOW, LONDON, PENANG  
AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glenelg*, having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees of  
Cargo are hereby informed that their  
Goods, with the exception of Opium—are  
being landed at their risk into the Godowns  
of the Undersigned, whence and/or from  
the Wharves or Boats delivery may be  
obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before  
Noon To-day, the 4th February.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
11th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Hongkong, February 4, 1884. 208

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Japan*, having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees of  
Cargo are hereby requested to send in their  
Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for  
countersignature, and to take immediate  
delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding her discharge or remaining  
on board after the 8th instant, will be  
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense, and no Fire Insurance will be  
effected.

Consignees are hereby informed that all  
Claims must be made immediately, as  
none will be entertained after the 12th  
instant.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1884. 212

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES  
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE  
IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely  
printed matter.

THE Mail Summary is compiled from  
the Daily China Mail, is published  
twice a month on the morning of the  
English Mail's departure, and is a record  
of each fortnight's current history of  
events in China and Japan, contributed  
from the journals published at the various  
ports in those Countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai,  
Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete  
Commercial Summary.

Subscription 50 cents per Copy (postage  
paid 42 cents) \$12 per annum (postage  
paid \$12.50).

Orders should be sent to GEO. MURRAY  
BAIN, China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham  
Street, not later than noon to the  
Daily Mail Steamer leaves.

Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily  
China Mail.

EX. SAGHATICA.

SW. No. 12—case Perfumery, from L'don.  
No. mark, no number, 2 bundles Iron.  
T. 76/77—2 Cases.

S. 3—1 Case.

FOO, 7469—1 bag Raisins.

A.M.S. 196—1 case Vermouth.

A.S.P. 601/22—20 cases.

" 627/650—24 cases.

S.C. & C. 1—1 Case.

OEMH, 1, 6, 7, 9, 0—4 Cases.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

Colonial Newspapers received at the office  
are regularly filed for the inspection of  
Advertisers and the Public.

Hongkong, February 5, 1884. 233

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. FEB. 7, 1884.

Stocks. Nos. of Shares. Value. Paid-up. Reserve. Working Account. Last Dividends. Quotations. Cons.

BANKS. 60,000 \$ 125 \$ 125 \$ 3,198,336 3 \$ 52,500.62 42 108 2/3—\$ 335

INSURANCES. 5,000 £ 200 £ 50 2 £ 25 2 £ 50,000 ... 18 2/3% TL 1,000

UNION INS. CO. 2,000 \$ 1,250 \$ 125 \$ 500,000 \$ 570,301.00 18.29 \$ 600

CHINA TRADERS. 24,000 \$ 87,333 \$ 25 \$ 600,000 \$ 107,411.65 22 1/2% \$ 74

OTON INS. OFFICE. 10,000 \$ 250 \$ 250 \$ 506,127.75 10% \$ 600

CHINA INS. CO. 1,500 \$ 1,000 \$ 200 \$ 100,378 \$ 83,907.18 3% \$ 200

HK. FIRE INS. 8,000 \$ 250 \$ 50 \$ 861,000 \$ 250,732.56 20% \$ 885

CHINA FIRE INS. 20,000 \$ 100 \$ 20 \$ 500,000 \$ 106,366.49 20% \$ 600

STEAM CANTONS. 10,000 \$ 125 \$ 125 \$ 18,000 \$ 2,063.01 4% \$ 192

HK. & CHINA BANK. 5,000 £ 200 £ 50 2 £ 25 2 £ 50,000 ... 18 2/3% TL 1,000

INDO-CHINA S. 10,000 \$ 125 \$ 125 \$ 18,000 \$ 2,063.01 4% \$ 192

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H. M. S. *Flying Fish* is to proceed to Swatow on Saturday next, but previous to leaving she will be inspected by Admiral Willes.

By kind permission of Admiral G. O. Willes, the Island of H.M.S. *Audacious* will play a selection of Music on the Cricket Ground to-morrow (Friday), commencing at 4 p.m.

We hear that the hull of the German barque *Betty Wendt* was fully insured and also the cargo. A large black dog, which was in the vessel, swam ashore and added one more to the number saved.

It is noticed in our advertising columns this evening that the Military Authorities are about to lay a mine field on the Hong-kong side of the Lyceum Mun Pass for the purpose of making experiments. We would refer shipmatters to the advertisement for instructions regarding the navigation of the Pass during the operations.

A CHINAMAN named Ah Ping has been fined £10 by the Oceanaria (N. S. Wales) bench for barbarous cruelty to his child, whom he suspended by his thumbs from the verandah. The defendant avers it was a mode of punishment which prevailed in China.

This extravagance of the rich in this country has subjected them to a good deal of reproach—often deserved. But the eulogists of Republican simplicity, who seem to fancy that extravagance is the special vice of nations possessing a king or queen, will, it may be hoped, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the account of the ball given by Mr. Vanderbilt the other day in New York. As everybody is aware, Mr. Vanderbilt is an American millionaire. He may have made his money honestly, but, having made it, he spends it lavishly—on himself. At the ball in question, which Mr. Vanderbilt elegantly would be “a snorter,” and the reporters over surpassed anything ever done in that line “by the Queen of England or the Prince of Wales, whether in Buckingham Palace or at Marlborough House,” Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt wore a worth costume valued at 2,000 dollars. The house was turned into a veritable rose garden. All the florists bought and forced roses for the occasion. It is estimated that the floral decoration cost 20,000 dollars. The best ball in the city worked for two weeks concocting the dishes for the supper. Upwards of two hundred waiters served. The rarest wines flowed as freely as water. Each napkin used cost five dollars. The cost of the supper is said to have been 60,000 dollars. We will not say that was not this money given to the poor! But it is said that such entertainments are happily imposed in England. Poor may be very rich persons, but they do not descend to the intolerable ostentation and execrable vulgar sordidry of plutocrats.—*Figaro*.

A CORRESPONDENT, in writing of a cremation witnessed at Getha, Italy, by means of the Siemens apparatus, thus describes it, and says this is the regular form through which all bodies pass from the flesh to the dust or ashes from whence they came. He says:

The body is borne into the chapel and placed in a catafalque which stands in front of the altar. The portion of the chapel-floor upon which the body rests constitutes the floor of a lift, or elevator. As the funeral service proceeds the elevator is visibly and noiselessly descends, bearing the body to the basement directly in front of the incinerator, which, by means of superheated air, has been raised to a temperature of about one thousand five hundred degrees Fahrenheit. As the door of the incinerator is opened to receive the body the incinerating cold air cools it to a delicate rose tint; and the body, resting on a metallic bed, covered with a cloth of asbestos, passes over rollers into this bath of rosy light. Immediately it becomes incandescent, in which condition it remains until incineration is complete. This requires an hour per hundred pounds of the original weight. There remain only a few handfuls of pure metallic ashes, equivalent to about four per cent. of the original. These are dropped by means of a lever into the ash chamber below, cotta, marble, alabaster or other suitable material, and retained by means of the elevator to the catafalque. The service or ceremony being now over, the friends of the deceased find the ashes just where they had last seen the body of the departed, and may bear them thence as they choose. No fuel or flame of foreign substance comes in contact with the body. The process is accompanied with no perceptible sound or smell or smoke—absolutely nothing that can offend the sensibilities of the most fastidious. All the smoke and volatile products of combustion are passed through a regenerative furnace before being turned loose into the air, and are absolutely purified. This process is indeed, in every way, so decorous and so beautiful as compared with other methods of disposing of the dead, that it is described by those who have witnessed it as “fascinating,” and scarcely an instance is known of any one having witnessed the process, as thus conducted, who has not at once become a pronounced convert to cremation, whatever may have been his pre-existing prejudice.—*Figaro*.

#### NOTES BY THE WAY.

The new way of making quotation marks is, I see, gaining favour gradually; and I intend to adopt it myself. Instead of using two marks thus “you use only one, but when you get a quotation within a quotation you use two. This is the exact reverse of the old system. The new way is at least the more logical, since a single quotation is shown by one mark, while a double quotation is denoted by two marks.

Tu Frenchmen were charged before the Police Magistrate at Liverpool with having been about to commit a breach of the peace by fighting a duel. One of them, who gave the name of Martin, had in his possession, when apprehended, a knuckleduster and two fencing foils, the latter having their points taken off and their points sharpened.

The knuckleduster, we are further told, contained a knife which was ingeniously fixed in the centre of the weapon and was opened by means of a spring. Martin said this weapon was handy when he was travelling through China and other countries.

Quite so, but we have not heard anything of the part of the world, it is as well as known to be known in his possession of such an excellent protector.

One or two complaints have been made about the wholesale street gambling that has been going on during the Chinese New Year festivities in one or two of the quieter streets not a mile from your office. All the numerous gambling *materiel*, such as dominoes, dice, *et cetera*, have been spread out in open day without let or hindrance. Where are the police? Does the Chinese *lukong* entertain the universal feeling amongst the Chinese that gambling at New Year's time is the proper thing and conspicuously “look on”?

How amusing the airs that some of these native “green coats” take on themselves! They strut about as if they were the only lords of creation in existence, and the vulgar herd were immeasurably beneath their exalted position.

They are often a law unto themselves, and carry out the provisions of some ordinance enacted in their own brains on the spur of the moment to meet the exigencies of some particular case.

A little crowd of boys and lads having a quiet gamble on the *Praya*, will be “spotted” by one of these minions of the law, downed upon, and to save himself the trouble of hauling such small fry before the Magistrate, the constable, self-appointed law-maker, and self-appointed judge, all in one, proceeds to confiscate the few cash, lying on the ground as stakes, by scattering them with a majestic sweep of his arm into the harbour.

What a delightful change this fresh cold weather is, after the summer-in-winter that we have had. It ought to do us all a lot of good as it is the real genuine article at last, and no pretence about it, though we have had to wait long enough for it to come.

The influence exercised on the minds of boys by the reading of porcine matter is aptly shown by two little narratives which appear in the home papers, brought out by the last mail. One is the story of some boys who were brought before the police magistrate at Harlan, United States. They had formed themselves into a band, after establishing itself in a mountainous district, was to carry off and hold to ransom beautiful maidens and wealthy tourists. Before making for the hills, these youthful “damsel-novel brigands,” plundered the hotel in which they had passed the night, but their booty consisted of only 36 keys, which they took from the bed-room doors:

It appeared from a ledger found in their possession that they had begun business with a capital of 200 dollars, “made at New York.” But most of this sum had been spent before they reached the mountains; and an entry made the second day after their arrival on the scene of their intended exploits showed that already “things looked blue.” On the third day the juvenile robbers found it necessary to pawn their “pistol, pistol,” and the only act of highway robbery that succeeded in committing the theft of some food left on the highway by several tourists. It was for this that they were arrested. But the magistrates let them off with a reprimand, and the police, with good-natured contempt, raised a subscription for the purpose of paying their expenses back to New York.

The other tale is that of four boys, all fourteen or fifteen years of age, who started down the river Thames in a pull-a-way boat on a voyage to Australia! How characteristic of youthful heroes in penny dreadful publications! It seems that the fog on the river upset their nautical calculations; they lost their way off North Greenwich, and were finally taken into custody by the water police. The contents of the boat are a study:

The witness examined the parcels, and among other articles he found a pistol, a quantity of bullets, some powder loose in a flask, a box of powder-caps, a quantity of biscuits in a bag and some loose in the bottom of the boat, a box of stationery, a packet of candles and some matches, a teapot, a teabag, a pipe with fittings, a bullet-mould, a small compass, a song-book, and copies of the “Boys’ Own Paper” and publication of a similar character, whilst on the boy Carter was found a revolver and King a letter addressed to his parents ready for posting, telling them that he and his companion were off on a voyage to Australia. The parents of the boy were in attendance at the police court and said they could not account for the break; the boys wanted for nothing at home. The magistrate advised the boys not to be so foolish as to start on another voyage under similar circumstances, and discharged them.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The first ordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the above Company was held in the offices of the General Managers of the Company, (Messrs Russell & Co.) this forenoon. There were present—

Messrs W. H. Forbes, (Chairman); H. L. Dalrymple, F. D. Sackson, and Link Sau Theen, (Directors); C. A. Toms, F. Grimble, Shaw, and Ng Chow Fung.

The notice calling the meeting having been read,

Thomas Burn, an unemployed boatman, was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 or the equivalent of three days imprisonment for disorderly conduct in the Sailor's Home on the 6th inst. Defendant was under the influence of intoxicating liquor at the time.

Under such regulations the royal arms will soon become nearly as sacred as the imperial yellow of the Son of Heaven. Quite so, but we have not heard anything of the part of the world, it is as well as known to be known in his possession of such an excellent protector.

It is glad to see that the interest in boatmen is being kept up this year. It is a pity that one of the most healthful and exhilarating exercises should be allowed to fall into abeyance between regattas.

The race on Saturday last, as you say, had some rather amusing features in it, due to the fact that the *Amazons* were ill-advised, and were bent on coming up when they were not wanted, and equally eager to escape when any work was to be got out of them, leaving it almost needless to say, the blades of the oars in a bilious state of uncertainty as to whether air or water was the element they were to be pulled through.

Mr. Toms proposed that the gentlemen forming the Consulting Committee, Messrs W. H. Forbes, H. L. Dalrymple, F. D. Sackson, and Link Sau Theen, be re-elected. Mr. Ng Chow Fung seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Dalrymple, seconded by Mr. Sackson, the accounts were passed and the report adopted.

Mr. Toms proposed that the gentlemen forming the Consulting Committee, Messrs G. R. Johnston and T. Arnold be re-appointed by the Consulting Committee.

On the motion of the Chairmen, seconded by Mr. Sackson, the accounts were passed and the motion carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Dalrymple, seconded by Mr. Sackson, the appointment of

Messrs G. R. Johnston and T. Arnold as Auditors by the Consulting Committee was confirmed.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, this finishes the business of the meeting. I hope at the next meeting we may be able to show a better result.

The following is the report:

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